

# Police Recover \$14,775 Taken in Market Robbery

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# MAN DIES OF CRASH INJURIES

## Electric Car Hit by Light Auto at Dusk

A 42-year-old muscular dystrophy victim whose small electric vehicle was struck by a Volkswagen at dusk Friday evening succumbed early yesterday to injuries received in the collision.

George Gusto Charbonneau, who resided at 1222 E. 222nd St., died at the Little Company of Mary Hospital several hours after the 5:50 p.m. accident in which he was mortally injured.

Investigating officers said Charbonneau was eastbound on 190th St. just east of Prairie Ave. when he apparently turned his vehicle across the roadway into the path of the westbound auto.

Alfred James Groh, 33, of 5225 W. Carson St., driver of the Volkswagen, was uninjured in the crash. Charbonneau was thrown from his light vehicle onto the pavement, receiving severe head injuries.

He was unemployed at the time of his death, police were told.

## Police Doubt Texas Murder Confession

The self-confessed killer of a Fort Worth Druggist was released from his jail cell Friday and voluntarily boarded a plane for Dallas, Tex., in an effort to convince Texas authorities that they are holding the wrong man for the slaying.

Arrested Wednesday following his telephoned confession to a newspaper reporter was machinist Ray Covington, 30, 20707 S. Vermont Ave.

Behind bars and held for mental observation at Fort Worth is Ray's brother Mickey, 33, who not only confessed the crime but before his arrest allowed a freight car wheel to sever his right hand.

The hand had taken a life and had to be "cast away," said Mickey.

Covington, a Torrance machinist, made the flight to Dallas without a police guard, although sheriff's homicide detectives took him to International Airport.

Both Covington and his brother claim to be the man who pistol-whipped a Fort Worth Druggist's wife and shot the druggist to death during a November 1959 robbery attempt.

## District to Sell Million in Bonds

Sale of \$1,000,000 worth of bonds, to keep the district eligible for more state loan money and to provide funds for the first unit of West High School, has been authorized by the Torrance Board of Education.

More building funds are needed due to retirement of old bonds and because bids will be let for the first unit of West High School within the next few weeks. West High is slated to open in September, 1962.

## Bandits Get Light Haul In Robberies

With a revolver stuck in his waistband, a young bandit remarked, "I've done this before," as he nervously robbed a Torrance market of \$40 Friday.

Det. Wally Nitz said the revolver was probably a toy.

Renette Stromwall, 38, on duty in Speedee Mart market, 3961 W. 174th St., Torrance, told detectives the gunman shopped casually until a group of children left, then ordered the victim to place the currency in a bag.

Earlier, two men accosted Charles Poling, a bartender at the Joker Cafe, 18909 Western Ave., and held him at gunpoint while ransacking the premises. They tied Poling before leaving empty-handed.

## Request Favored

The Torrance Airport Commission for approval a request from Wardair Co. to operate an aircraft sales and charter service on the field.

Wardair Co. hopes to sell aircraft and maintain a flying school, air taxi service, and charter service at the Torrance airport.

## NEW TRASH POLICE BEGINS WEDNESDAY

Torrance enters a "new frontier" in the matter of rubbish, can, and garbage collection Wednesday morning.

On that day, March 1, the city forces will begin picking up all rubbish from single family and duplex dwellings in town and none from any other source. Apartments, business, and industrial firms must arrange for private collection.

The combined refuse service will consist of once-a-week pickups, according to the plan approved recently by the city council.

Household rubbish may be mixed—papers, trash, and combustible materials with cans, bottles and drained, wrapped garbage—and placed in the same container.

Because of the addition of garbage to the city trash collection, metal containers must be used beginning Wednesday. Paper sacks or cardboard boxes may no longer be used for trash.

All trimmings from bushes or trees will be collected if they are tied in bundles not exceeding four feet in length or one foot in diameter.

Ashes must be wetted down and placed in a separate container. Trash containers must not exceed 40 gallon capacity or 70 pounds loaded.

## Local Orchid Fanciers Planning First Exhibit

Orchid growing hobbyists, ranging from a few plants to large greenhouses, are entering the forthcoming "Orchids at Eastertime" show which will be staged, free to the public at Alondra County Park, 3535 W. Redondo Beach Blvd., on Saturday and Sunday, March 18 and 19.

Entry blanks may be obtained now from Show Chairman C. P. Corliss, 1242 So. Gertrude Ave., Redondo Beach or from any Los Angeles County Park in the southwest section of Los Angeles County.

Corliss today said that one of the early entrants is John W. Young Sr., retired, of 1306 Rolling Knolls Walk, Harbor City, who has been unusually successful in raising his delicate orchid plants out of doors under a bush at his home.

Another exhibitor will be Hunt T. Owens, a radio man, 425 Via Malaga, Hollywood Riviera, whose show orchids will come from his 40 foot greenhouse.

The show is being co-sponsored by the South Bay Orchid Society and by the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation. Show hours will be 2 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, March 18. Hours on Sunday, March 19, will be 12 noon to 6 p.m.

GROWERS in the Society, as well as non-member growers, from Inglewood to Long Beach, are entering such varieties as: cymbidiums; odontoglossums; and cypripediums. Some of the individual displays already entered are from: George Gardner, Redondo Beach.

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NEW TORRANCE FIRM . . . C. P. Hall Co. of California will construct a 25,000 square foot building on Alaska Ave. in the Santa Fe Industrial Park here, it was announced yesterday by A. H. Frederico, president. All warehousing and offices in the Los Angeles area will be moved to the new facility when completed in July. The firm, founded in 1919,

manufactures and distributes chemical, chemical products, and supplies to the rubber industry and allied trades. Investment in the new plant will be in excess of \$225,000, Frederico said. Abo Construction is building the plant and W. H. Daum & Staff represented Santa Fe and the company in the location.

## Store Bandit Suspect Refuses Extradition To Face Charges Here

Efforts to return Ex-Convict Grady Arthur Webb from Las Vegas to face charges that he robbed a local market manager

of more than \$15,000 last week have proved unsuccessful. Torrance police reported yesterday.

Det. Lt. Don Hamilton, who returned from Las Vegas with \$14,775 of the holdup loot after questioning Webb, said the suspect, under arrest by Las Vegas police, had refused to waive extradition.

A warrant for his arrest has been issued here by Municipal Court Judge Otto B. Willett. Extradition proceedings will be started immediately, police said.

Webb has been identified by Manager Marion Thompson of the Sepulveda - Hawthorne Lucky Market as the well-dressed man who came into the store Feb. 17 posing as an investigator for the district attorney's office and fled with more than \$15,000.

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## Pupils Note Presidents' Month With School Quiz

Observing February, "the month of presidents," Mrs. Thelma Schopp's fourth and fifth graders at Yukon School presented an assembly featuring a presidential quiz.

Representing 15 U.S. presidents, class members presented clues about the chief executives, with each holding or wearing some object associated with him. Clues included quotations and biographical information. Other students tried to guess the identity from the clues.

well and Frank Wilson will write a letter to President Kennedy, sending a copy of their program with "some of the wisdom from past presidents," and wishing him well for the future. The class has been studying American history.

Representing America's fifth president, James Monroe, was a class member of the same name. Student James Monroe carried a placard denoting the "Era of Good Feeling," a term given Monroes administration. Other visual clues included:

CLASS members Kathy Max-



PRESIDENTIAL GUESSING GAME . . . Showing off props used in a presidential history quiz of Mrs. Thelma Schopp's fourth and fifth grade at Yukon School are Jerry Smart, Gwen Van Aken, Margaret Jennings, and Diana Gdowski. The props, plus quotations and biographical material, were used for students to guess names of the presidents. The props shown represent (left to right) Gen. Dwight Eisenhower's five stars; Franklin D. Roosevelt's dog, Fala; Hawaii's joining the United States under President William McKinley; and a mortar board, symbolizing Woodrow Wilson's background as president of Princeton.

## A Penny for your Thoughts

"What do you think are the reasons for bowling being one of the country's leading recreations?" This question was asked five people at Bowl-O-Drome Friday night.

Bill Catlett, 2018 Pacific Coast Hwy., machinist:

"One good reason for bowling being a popular recreation sport is that it is a family activity for all ages. I think bowling is the only sport where the whole family can be both spectator and participant."



Larry Bryant, 447 E. 231st St., service station attendant, Scratch League:

"I think one of the most important reasons for the success of bowling is the fact that it can be played 24 hours a day. This gives people working day, swing and night shifts a chance to participate. Everyone can bowl."

Fran Marino, 1069 W. 229th Street, electric assembler, Guys and Dolls League:

"Bowling is one of the cleanest and healthiest sports there is and it is available to everyone. You don't have to be rich to bowl and there are always alleys near. A person doesn't have to spend time driving back and forth."



Tom Gentry, 1533 W. 205th Street, caster, Standard League:

"Bowling is a sport anybody can enjoy whether he is good at it or a novice. It not only is good exercise, but it helps keep the family together. It is the only sport I know of where the whole family can turn out and have fun together."

Faye Gossett, 1507 Madrid, bookkeeper, team captain:

"Bowling is good exercise for both young and old. People can keep trim and in good physical condition and can do it at a time that is convenient for them. Organized leagues help keep bowling interesting."



## Harvey Gets Work

A contract valued at \$40,000 for piston assembly has been awarded to Harvey Aluminum, Inc., it was reported in Los Angeles yesterday by the U.S. Ordinance District.



ON THE MOVE . . . Dump trucks move up and down Crenshaw Blvd. in an endless caravan as approximately 20-tons of dirt is hauled every 30 seconds from hills south of Pacific Coast Hwy. Earth is used as fill on construction of San Diego Freeway. (More Freeway photos on Page 6.) (Herald Photo)